

Appl. No. 09/724,744  
Amdt. Dated 1/28/07  
Response to Notice of Allowance dated 1/17/07

### Remarks

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability regarding the pending claims. Notwithstanding that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above-indicated amendments to the claims in accordance with 37 CFR 1.312. The Applicant submits that, except possibly for certain of the proposed amendments with respect to claims 69 and 71, the above amendments are not being made for reasons substantially related to the patentability of the claims. (The Applicant likewise submits that none of the amendments provided in the Examiner's Amendment communicated in the Notice of Allowability were made for reasons substantially related to the patentability of the claims.) Also, the Applicant submits that none of the amendments adds new matter.

Most of the above amendments have been made for technical reasons. For example, in several of the claims, the word "fights" is being corrected to "rights" (these amendments apparently were necessitated by imperfect scanning in of the Applicant's December 19<sup>th</sup> amendment). Further, in claim 59, the words "in the patent asset" were deleted merely because those words were never entered in the first place in the claims of the December 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, and the Examiner's Amendment did not show the addition of those words to the claim. Also, in several of the claims, the "at least one of" language entered by the Examiner has been modified to better reflect the original intent of the claims provided in the December 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. Additionally, claim 71 has been corrected to reflect that claim 59 has features (a)-(i) rather than merely (a)-(h).


Additionally, with respect to claim 69, the Applicant has added the additional language to that claim to further clarify that an intellectual property investment bank is intended to facilitate on a repeated, ongoing basis multiple transfers among multiple pairs of first and second parties. Further, with respect to claim 71, that claim language has been amended to further emphasize what should already be evident from some of the other claims, namely, that the web need not be involved in the performing of at least some of the features (a)-(i).

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Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments to the claims, and issuance of the present Application as a patent containing the amended claims. Additionally, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider both the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the Comments on Statements for Reasons for Allowance being submitted herewith. Further, the Applicant requests entry of the formal drawings being submitted herewith.

If the Examiner has any further questions regarding the claims or these amendments thereto, or any of the other documentation being submitted herewith, the Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant at the number listed below.

Respectfully,

  
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